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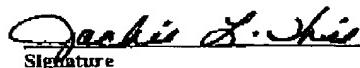
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8.  In addition to the documents cited, the Office's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number(s), copies of which are attached for the convenience of the Office:
- a. Serial No. 10/625,281; filed 7/23/2003; Schlosser et al.
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